Shortage of Fertilisers in States

*90. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States where there has been shortage of fertilisers for the Kharif and the Rabi crops of this year;

(b) the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps being taken for adequate supply fo fertilisers to those States; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to ensure adequate benefit of fertiliser subsidy to marginal, small and big farmers?

'THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN)

STATEMENT

(a) to (d). The availability of major fertilisers like Urea, DAP and MOP during Kharif and Rabi seasons (upto 15th November) in the current year, has been generally satisfactory. Temporary shortages of certain fertilisers, however, have been noticed in certain States resulting from constraint in the movement of materials and shortfall in local production. The level of opening stocks of materials in States as on 1st April, 1991, was also low. Arrangements, however, have been made to meet the shortfall in supply from alternate sources including imports. The availability of major fertilisers is monitored intensively in close consultation with the manufacturers and suppliers of fertilisers and every effort is being made to maximise indigenous production and to ensure timely movement. The major fertilisers supplied to the farmers are being subsidised by Government. In addition, arrangements have been made to exempt small and marginal farmers from the impact of the price increase notified with effect from 14th August, 1991 and an amount of Rs. 405 crores was allocated to the States for this purpose.

E.S.I. Hospital in East Delhi

*91. SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a E.S.I. Hospital in East Delhi for the convenience of the industrial workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) and (b). A 200 bedded ESI Hospital is already functioning at Jhilmil in East Delhi.

(c) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Constitution of Consumer Disputes Redressal Forums/Commissions

*92. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:
SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of districts in the country where consumer disputes redressal forums/commissions have not yet been constituted under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986;

(b) the reasons for delay in setting up each forum/commission by the State Governments;

(c) the directions given by the Supreme Court in its orders dated 19 September, 1989 in this matter and the names of the

States which have not implemented the same;

(d) whether any financial assistance was to be provided by the Union Government to the States and if so to what extent;

(e) whether the Government propose to bring the service rendered in hospitals and also the houses constructed by Government/private agencies within the purview of the Act, if so, by when; and

(f) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Under the provisions of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 the responsibility for setting up of Consumer Disputes Redressal Forums/Commissions rests with the State Governments/UT Administrations. According to information available with the Central Government, all the States/UTs have notified the State Commissions out of which 27 have started functioning. So far the Commissions have not started functioning in Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland and Sikkim. Similarly, as per reports sent by State Governments, the District Forums have been notified for all the districts except newly created districts. Out of notified District Forums, 351 District Forums have started functioning. The names of remaining districts where District Forums have not started functioning are being collected from the State Governments.

(b) The main reasons, as reported by State Governments for delay in setting up of redressal agencies are financial constrains, availability of suitable persons, etc.

(c) In its order dated 19 September, 1989, Hon'ble Supreme Court directed all the States/UTs to set up State Commissions and District Forums in all the Districts within 6 weeks. However, the same have not been fully complied with by some of the States. The States where the State Commissions/ District Forums have not been made functional at all are Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland and Sikkim.

(d) Union Government is not providing any financial assistance to States and UTs for setting up of State Commissions and District Forums. This expenditure is to be met by them from their non-plan budget.

(e) and (f). Central Government has constituted a high power working group to suggest suitable amendments to Consumer Protection Act, 1986 for making it more effective. The suggestions to bring services rendered in Hospital and also housing by Government/Private agencies, within the purview of the Act have been referred to the working group.

Transfer of Centrally Sponsored Schemes to States

*93 SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN:
SHRI RABI RAY:

Will the Minister of Planning and Programme Implementation be pleased to state:

(a) the brief particulars of the Central and Centrally sponsored schemes that are proposed to be transferred wholly to the State Government; and

(b) the brief particulars of such schemes as will continue to be wholly or partially controlled by the Union Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ) (a) and (b). The National Development Council (NDC) in 1985 had set up a Committee of the NDC under Chairmanship of Shri P.V. Narasimha Rao, the